

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LUBUMB 00114 091107Z

12-R
ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SY-05 /014 W
----- 056256

R 090644Z AUG 76
FM AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1874
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

UNCLAS LUBUMBASHI 114

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC, PORS, CG
SUBJECT: CRIME WAVE IN LUBUMBASHI

REF: (A) LUB A-33 (B) KINSHASA 6146

1. LUBUMBASHI HAS BEEN HIT WITH CRIME WAVE OVER LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, CULMINATING IN RASH OF BREAK-INS IN JULY. MAJOR INCIDENTS HAVE INCLUDED FOLLOWING:

- A. MAY -- BREAK-IN AT FRENCH CONSUL'S RESIDENCE (NEXT DOOR TO AMERICAN CONSULATE) BY APPROXIMATELY FOUR MEN.
- B. MAY 27 -- BREAK-IN AND ROBBERY OF CONSULATE TRANSIENT APARTMENT.
- C. JULY -- ROBBERY BY THREE MEN WITH PISTOLS OF GECAMINES EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE AT HIS HOME. EMPLOYEE AND SON BOUND WITH ROPES; HOUSE RIFLED.
- D. JULY -- SECOND BREAK-IN AT FRENCH CONSUL'S RESIDENCE.
- E. JULY 4 -- BREAK-IN AT AMERICAN CONSULATE AND THEFT OF SAFE (REF A).
- F. JULY 19 -- SECOND BREAK-IN AT AMERICAN CONSULATE (REF B)
- G. JULY 20 -- BREAK-IN AT AGETRAF (SHIPPING COMPANY) BY GANG OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MEN. SEVERAL SENTINELS BEATEN UP.
- H. JULY 20 -- BREAK-IN AND ROBBERY AT S.A.B. (FOOD WHOLESALER) BY LARGE GANG.
- I. JULY 20 -- BREAK-IN AND ROBBERY AT GOODYEAR BY LARGE GANG.
- J. JULY 25 -- BREAK-IN AND ROBBERY AT CLUB DE LA VILLE TENNIS CLUB.
- K. JULY -- BREAK-IN AND THEFT OF ENTIRE CONTENTS OF APARTMENT OF THREE CZECH PROFESSORS AT UNAZA.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LUBUMB 00114 091107Z

L. JULY -- BREAK-IN AND THEFT OF 90,000 ZAIRES FROM PHARMACIE

CARLO ERBA.

M. JULY -- THEFT OF AUTOMOBILE FROM GROUNDS OF REGIDESO (WATER COMPANY).

N. JULY 29 -- BREAK-IN AND THEFT FROM ITALIAN CONSULATE.

2. COMMENT: COMMON PATTERN OF BREAK-INS HAS BEEN FORCED ENTRY AT NIGHT BY GROUPS OF MEN, WITH TARGETS GENERALLY RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES, OR OFFICES OF EXPATRIATE AND DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. RECENT SHARP INCREASE IN CRIME RATE RELATED TO INCREASING ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN SHABA, NOTABLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, SHORTAGES OF CONSUMABLES, AND SOARING PRICES. CRIME WAVE MAY WELL CONTINUE AS LONG AS ECONOMIC SITUATION HERE REMAINS GRIM.
BORG

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LUBUMB00114
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: LUBUMBASHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760871/aaaacjrf.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 KINSHASA 6146
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 JAN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 JAN 2004 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <27 JAN 2005 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CRIME WAVE IN LUBUMBASHI
TAGS: ASEC, PORS, CG
To: SECSTATE WASHDC
KINSHASA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006